



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Interceptor Class 39-Foot Midnight Express

FACT SHEET



The 39-foot Midnight Express Interceptor vessel is an integral part of Air and Marine Operations (AMO) efforts to combat maritime smuggling and protect U.S. ports from acts of terrorism.

Marine interdiction agents (MIA) operate the Midnight Express in offshore coastal waters in varying sea and weather conditions. The vessel provides agents with additional speed, maneuverability and a greater range to perform their duties and missions.

The Midnight Express 3-person (minimum) crew work together with AMO aviation assets and other federal, state and local law enforcement entities to accomplish the homeland security mission.

Performance and Weights:

- **Maximum Speed**
52 knots (59 mph)
- **Range**
400 nautical miles (460 miles)
- **Endurance**
10 hours
- **Length**
39 feet, 2 inches
- **Maximum Gross Weight**
13,000 pounds

Features:

- 4 X 225 HP Mercury outboard engines
- Marine surface radar
- Automated identification system with vessel tracking capability
- State-of-the-art marine navigational suite